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H.J.R. No.

6

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

2 Section 1. That Article III, Section 24 of the Texas  
3 Constitution, as amended, be amended to read as follows:

4 "Section 24. Compensation and Allowances of Members of  
5 Legislature

6 (a) Compensation and allowances for Members of the  
7 Legislature may not exceed the amounts recommended by the Salary  
8 Commission established by this section. No change in compensa-  
9 tion may take effect prior to the first regular session following  
10 a statewide general election.

11 (b) The Salary Commission consists of nine members. The  
12 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of  
13 Representatives, Attorney General, and Chief Justice of the  
14 Supreme Court of Texas, acting together, appoint the members  
15 of the Commission and designate the Chairman. Members must be  
16 selected on the nonpartisan basis with due regard to representa-  
17 tion of both sexes and of the ethnic groups and geographical  
18 regions of the State. No person may be appointed who is  
19 related by blood or marriage to, or who has had a business  
20 association with, an Appointing Officer. No person may be  
21 appointed who has served a full term on the Commission.

22 (c) Members serve six-year terms. One-third of the  
23 Members are appointed every two years. The Appointing Officers  
24 fill vacancies for the unexpired terms.

25 (d) No Member while serving on the Commission may hold  
26 any other public office, be an employee of the State, or hold  
27 an office in a political party.

(e) The Commission shall review Legislative compensation  
and allowances annually and at that time may recommend changes.

1 (f) No regular session shall be of longer duration than  
2 one hundred and forty (140) days."

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4 Section 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall  
5 be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State  
6 at an election to be held on the First Tuesday after the  
7 first Monday in November, 1976 at which election the ballots  
8 shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the  
9 proposition: "The consittutional amendment to provide for a  
10 Salary Commission, the members to be appointed by the Governor,  
11 Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
12 Attorney General, and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of  
13 Texas, and to serve six year terms, to set the compensation and  
14 allowances for members of the Legislature."

THE HONORABLE BILL CLAYTON  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Date 2-3-75

SIR:

We, your COMMITTEE ON Constitutional Revision, to whom was referred HJR 6 By Munson  
(measure)

have had the same under consideration and beg to report back with the recommendation that it

- ( ) do pass, without amendment.  
( ) do pass, with amendment(s).  
(X) do pass and be not printed; a committee substitute is recommended in lieu of the original measure.

~~The Committee recommends that this measure be placed on the ( Local / Consent ) Calendar.~~

This measure ( ) proposes new law.  
(X) amends <sup>an</sup> existing ~~law~~ Constitutional Provision

~~House Sponsor of Senate Measure:~~ \_\_\_\_\_

The measure was reported from Committee by the following Record Vote:

<u>9</u>	ayes
<u>4</u>	nays
<u>0</u>	present, not voting
<u>4</u>	absent

Roy G. Stutler  
Chairman

# LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

## FISCAL NOTE

February 4, 1975

Honorable Ray Hutchison, Chairman  
Committee on Constitutional Revision  
House of Representatives  
Austin, Texas

In Re: Committee Amendment 1  
to H. J. R. No. 6  
By: Munson


Sir:

In response to your request and pursuant to House Rule VIII, Section 27, this office finds the fiscal implications of H. J. R. No. 6, (relating to the salary and per diem of members of the Legislature) to be as follows:

This proposed amendment to Article III, Section 24 of the Texas Constitution would retain the annual salary of \$4,800 for members of the Legislature, but would authorize the per diem not to exceed \$30 (instead of \$12) per day for the first 120 days of each Regular Session and for thirty days of each Special Session.

The additional cost attributable to the proposal for a Regular Session is estimated to be \$390,960, and for a 30-day Special Session, \$97,740. If, in each biennium, there is one regular and one special session of thirty days, with full attendance, the added cost for the biennium would be \$488,700. This added cost would be authorized effective April 22, 1975, but would be negligible for the current Regular Session.

There would be no cost to the State for the special election. The cost of publication prior to that special election is available from the current appropriation for that purpose.

  
Thomas M. Keel  
Director

①  
DATE FEB 6 1975

READ AND ADOPTED BY RECORD VOTE OF

AYES 112 NAYS 21-6 *presently not voting*  
*Donald J. Halloran*  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BY Munson

1 Amend H.J.R. No. 6 by striking all below the resolving  
2 clause and substituting the following:

3 → Section 1. That Article III, Section 24, of the Texas  
4 Constitution, be amended to read as follows:

5 "Section 24. Members of the Legislature shall receive from  
6 the Public Treasury a ~~an annual~~ salary of Six Hundred Dollars  
7 (\$600) per month ~~[not exceeding Four thousand Eight Hundred~~  
8 ~~Dollars (\$4,800) per year and a per diem of not exceeding Twelve~~  
9 ~~Dollars (\$12) per day for the first one hundred and twenty (120)~~  
10 ~~days only of each Regular Session and for thirty (30) days of~~  
11 ~~each Special Session of the Legislature]. Each member shall also~~  
12 receive a per diem of Thirty Dollars (\$30) for each day during  
13 each Regular and Special Session of the Legislature. No Regular  
14 Session shall be of longer duration than one hundred and forty  
15 (140) days.

16 "In addition to the per diem the Members of each House shall  
17 be entitled to mileage at the same rate as prescribed by law for  
18 employees of the State of Texas ~~[in going to and returning from~~  
19 ~~the seat of government, which mileage shall not exceed Two Dollars~~  
20 ~~and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) for every twenty-five (25) miles, the~~  
21 ~~distance to be computed by the nearest and most direct route of~~  
22 ~~travel, from a table of distances prepared by the Comptroller to~~  
23 ~~each county seat now or hereafter to be established, no Member~~  
24 ~~to be entitled to mileage for any extra Session that may be called~~  
25 ~~within one (1) day after the adjournment of the Regular or Called~~

1 ~~Session~~ This amendment takes effect on April 22, 1975."

2       Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be  
3 submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at  
4 an election to be held on April 22, 1975, at which election the  
5 ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the  
6 proposition: "The constitutional amendment setting the salaries  
7 of members of the legislature at \$600 per month and setting a per  
8 diem of \$30 per day during legislative sessions and a mileage  
9 allowance at the same rate provided by law for state employees."

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By: Munson

H.J.R. No. 6

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 ~~to-be-entitled-to-mileage-for-any-extra-session-that-may-be-called~~  
2 ~~within-one-(1)-day-after-the-adjourment-of-the-Regular-or-Called~~  
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-END-



COMMITTEE/FLOOR REPORT FORM


Austin, Texas

Feb. 11, 1975

Honorable William P. Hobby  
President of the Senate

Sir:

We, your Committee on Texas Constitution to which was referred  
HJR No. 16 have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate  
with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

  
Chairman

IF THIS FORM IS TO BE USED AS A FLOOR REPORT, IT IS NECESSARY FOR A MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO SIGN IT. Paper clip the original and one copy of this form to the original bill and retain one copy for your file.

FEB 13 1974

ENROLLED

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-END-

H.J.R. No. 6

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that H.J.R. No. 6 was passed by the House on February 6, 1975, by the following vote: Yeas 112, Nays 23, and 4 present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I hereby certify that H.J.R. No. 6 was passed by the Senate on February 12, 1975, by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 8, and 1 present not voting.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:

2-13-75

Date

Signed

Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
2:50 PM O'CLOCK

FEB 13 1975  
Mark White  
Secretary of State

HJR 6  
H.B. No.         

By         

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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legislative compensation.

JAN 1 1975

1. Filed with the Chief Clerk of the House.

JAN 20 1975

2. Read first time and Referred to Committee on Constitutional  
Revision

3. Fiscal note requested from Legislative Budget Board by Ray Hutchison

FEB 4 - 1975

4. Reported favorably ~~(unfavorably)~~ (as amended) and sent to Printer 4:05 P M.

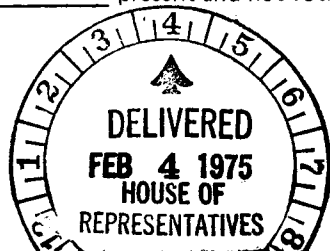
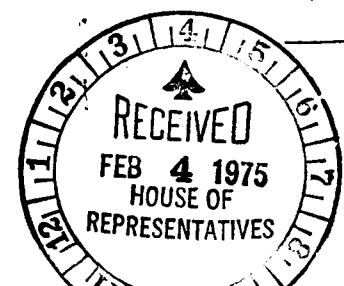
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5. Printed, distributed by Calendar Clerk and sent to Committee on Calendars 4:05 PM.

FEB 6 1975

6. Read second time (amended) and finally passed  
~~ordered engrossed by (Non-record~~  
~~vote)~~ (Record Vote of 112 yeas, 23 nays, 4 present and  
not voting).

7. Motion to reconsider the vote by which H. B.          was ordered  
engrossed and to table the motion to reconsider prevailed (failed) by  
(Non-record vote) (Record Vote of          yeas,          nays, and  
         present and not voting).



8. Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days  
suspended (failed to suspend) by a four-fifths vote of          yeas,  
         nays, and          present and not voting.

9. Read third time (amended) and finally passed by following vote:  
(Non-record vote) (Record Vote of          yeas,          nays,  
         present and not voting).

10. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

11. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.B.          was  
finally passed prevailed (failed) by a (Non-record Vote) (Record Vote  
of          yeas,          nays, and          present and not voting).

Dorothy Hallman  
Chief Clerk of the House

FEB 6 - 1975

12. Sent to Engrossing Clerk         

2/6/75

13. Engrossed.

Anna Suppiger  
Engrossing Clerk of the House

FEB 10 1975

14. Returned to Calendar Clerk         

FEB 10, 1975

15. Sent to Senate.

FEB 13 1975

SENT TO ENROLLING CLERK

FEB 10 1975

16. Received from the House \_\_\_\_\_

FEB 10 1975

17. Read, referred to Committee on TEXAS CONSTITUTION

FEB 11 1975

18. Reported favorably \_\_\_\_\_

19. Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

20. Ordered not printed.

\* FEB 12 1975

21. Regular order of business suspended by

(~~a viva voce vote.~~)  
( 25 yeas, 5 nays.)

22. To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules suspended by vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays.

FEB 12 1975

23. Read second time \_\_\_\_\_ passed to third reading by:

(~~a viva voce vote.~~)  
( 21 yeas, 9 nays.)

24. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

FEB 12 1975

25. Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of 24 yeas, 3 nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.

1 PRESENT

FEB 12 1975

26. Read third time and passed by

(~~a viva voce vote.~~)  
( 21 yeas, 8 nays.)

OTHER ACTION:

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*Charles Schnabel*

Secretary of the Senate

FEB 13 1975

27. Returned to the House.

FEB 13 1975

28. Received from the Senate (with amendments).

FEB 12 1975

\* Motion to suspend rules lost by a vote of 21 yeas, 9 nays

FEB 13 1975

Received from  
the Senate

*Dorothy Hallman*  
Clerk, House of Representatives

Cost,